



Read the biography passage carefully. Then answer each question below in complete sentences.

Look for key facts about the person's early life, achievements, and impact. Use details from the passage to support your answers.

## Lin-Manuel Miranda: The Maestro of Modern Musicals



Have you ever heard a story told with music and rap that felt brand new? Lin-Manuel Miranda is a brilliant writer, composer, and actor who changed musical theater forever.

Born in New York City in 1980, Lin-Manuel grew up in a vibrant neighborhood. From a young age, he loved music, words, and storytelling. He started writing songs and plays in high school and continued his passion at Wesleyan University, where he began creating his first major musical.

Miranda is most famous for creating the Broadway hit "Hamilton," a musical that tells the story of American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton using hip-hop, R&B, pop, and traditional show tunes. Before "Hamilton," he also wrote and starred in "In the Heights," which celebrated his Washington Heights neighborhood and won a Tony Award.

Bringing "Hamilton" to life was a huge challenge. It took years of writing, researching history, and composing hundreds of songs. Many people doubted if a hip-hop musical about American history would succeed, but Lin-Manuel believed in his vision and worked tirelessly to make it perfect.

Today, Lin-Manuel Miranda is celebrated for making history exciting and musicals accessible to new audiences. His work encourages us to see familiar stories in fresh ways and reminds us that creativity can overcome any obstacle.





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